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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I use a small local provider for my phone and internet because I get a better price and make a better effort than AT&T to serve the customer. My provider is a Broadband based service that is priced more competitively than AT&T so I am able to afford service. I am disabled and at times house bound. I need affordable internet and phone service to do things like ordering groceries, banking and bill paying. If there wasnt Broadband providers to compete with AT&T, it wouldnt have service.

Without broadband competition, you will open the door for a monopoly, which doesnt allow fair competition and when theres no choice big companies love to gouge and people with limited resources, like me, will no longer have access to phone and internet services and in my case my ability to order groceries online, contact my doctors, pay bills and take care of other business that I do via the Internet would leave me hopelessly crippled.

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